

connected to the vertical frame sections of the frame members internally thereof, the runners each extending transversely to the vertical frame sections along the length of the module, sheeting attached to the runners to form an enclosure which is defined exteriorly by the lattice framework, and horizontal corner members each extending across the framework along the length of the module and connected to the frame members at the corners thereof, said lattice framework serving to distribute load among the lattice structure.

REMARKS

The undersigned appreciates the extensive courtesy shown by Examiner Chi Q. Nguyen and his Supervisor Lana Mai. As a consequence of these discussions, it was understood that the principle objection to claim 12 over the prior art was that the term rectangular frame members was being construed to cover merely single vertical posts. An amendment has been made to the claims to specifically recite that the frame members comprise four frame sections which form a rectangle. This amendment is consistent with the language of the original claims submitted in this application. Further, the horizontal runners are referenced to be attached to the vertical frame sections of the frame members, since those are the frame sections which carry the horizontal runner as shown in this manner in the drawings.

It is respectfully submitted that there is no prior art which shows or suggests assembling four frame sections to form frame members and assembling such frame members with horizontal runners attached thereto to form a lattice network to

distribute the load in order to facilitate the easy assembly of such frames for home structures. By providing the frame members of four frame sections to form a rectangle and providing horizontal runners connected to the vertical frame sections, the lattice network which distributes loads allows the loads to be so distributed so that the individual runners and frame sections can be made of lighter steel so as to facilitate easy assembly of the building unit module.

The Bowers reference was discussed during the interview, and Fig. 3 was referenced. It is noted that Bowers fails to show, suggest or disclose at three rectangular frame members formed of four frame sections with horizontal runners attached thereto to form a lattice network for structure. Bowers shows a conventional structure in which there are corner posts which bear the majority of the load, and there is no distribution among a lattice of thin rectangular frame members and connecting horizontal runners.

It is noted that the Examiner has continued his objection to the drawings regarding sheeting. The term sheeting was in the original claims submitted with this application and is considered part of the disclosure. Sheeting is such a commonly well understood term in this field, that it is not believed necessary that sheeting actually be added to the drawings. On the other hand, the undersigned is willing to show sheeting so long as it is understood that this will not constitute new matter. Transmitted herewith is a modification to Fig. 4 showing sheeting. The undersigned respectfully requests the Examiners' guidance as to whether or not this new illustrative

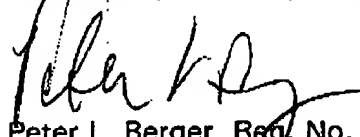
drawing showing sheeting will be accepted and not considered new matter.

The undersigned has further indicated to Examiner Mai that he is willing to cooperate and consider any other further amendments to the claims to place this case in condition for allowance. The undersigned respectfully invites the Examiners' telephone call to clarify the issue as to the drawing regarding sheeting and to address any other outstanding issues which may remain.

I also specifically request the Examiner to notify the undersigned if this Amendment does not place this case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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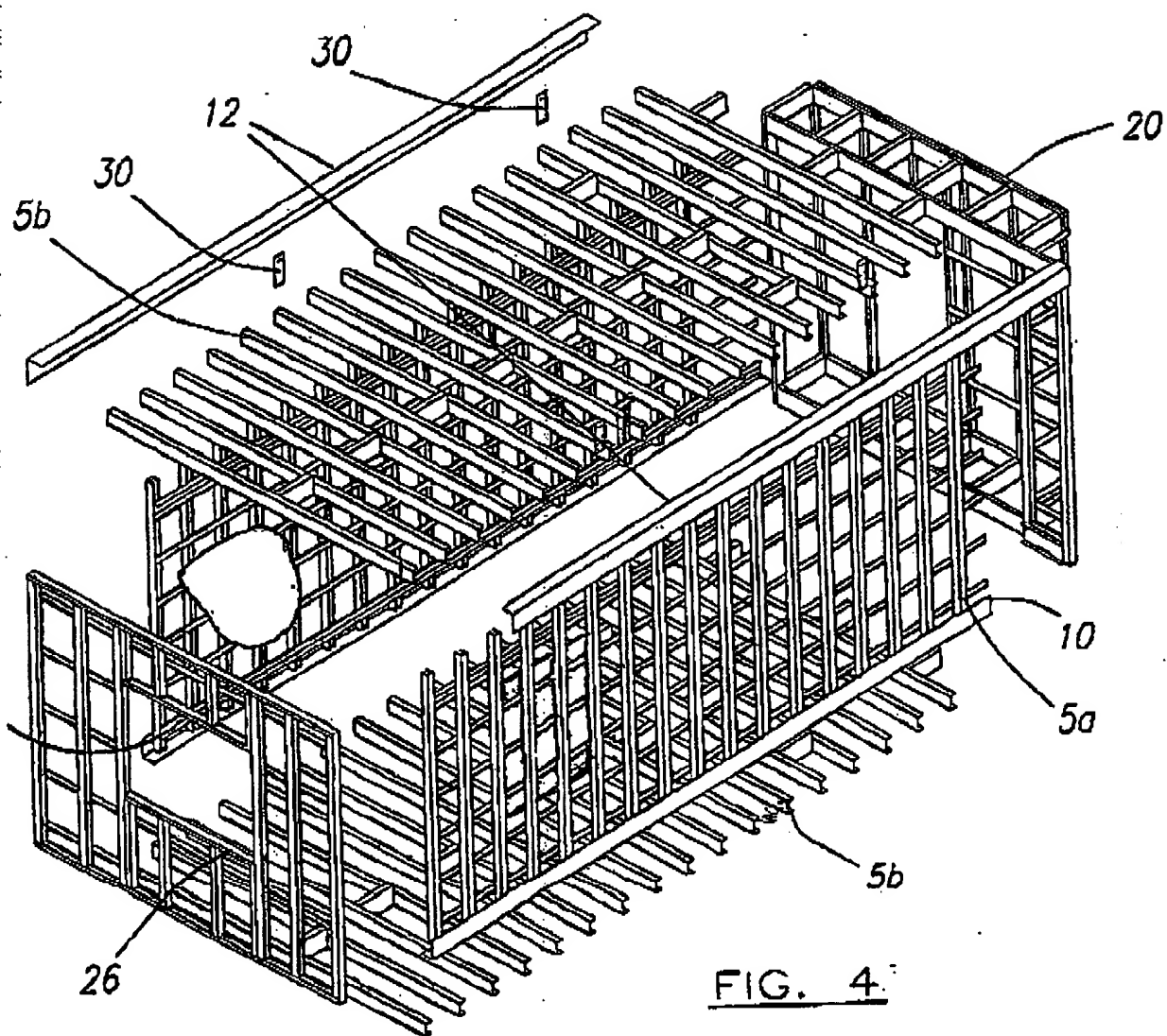


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AMENDED CLAIM MARKED UP TO SHOW ALL THE CHANGES

12. A building unit module comprising a lattice framework formed of at least three parallel vertically oriented rectangular frame members spaced along the length of the module, each of said frame members comprising four frame sections forming a rectangle, said four frame sections having vertical and horizontally oriented frame sections to form said rectangular frame member. multiple parallel horizontal runners connected to the vertical frame sections of the frame members internally thereof, the runners each extending transversely to the [rectangular] vertical frame sections [members] along the length of the module, sheeting attached to the runners to form an enclosure which is defined exteriorly by the lattice framework, and horizontal corner members each extending across the framework along the length of the module and connected to the frame members at the corners thereof, said lattice framework serving to distribute load among the lattice structure.

FIG. 4